

FINANCE AND TRADE

Speculators Busy Covering Short Contracts.

EFFECT OF RAIN IN THE WEST

Industrials Were the Active Features.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

NEW YORK, October 31.—The covering of short contracts was responsible for the bulk of today's trading in speculative issues and substantial improvement from opening figures was recorded at every point of activity. London sold over fifteen thousand shares of our securities, but without the slightest effect on values. Complications with Russia and the uneasiness in all European capitals as to the outcome of the settlements in mining shares combined in unsettling the London market.

The war scare is not regarded seriously by the best judges of the situation, and will in all probability disappear as a consideration of importance to finances.

The foreign exchange market was a shade easier as the result of a modest decrease in the price of any important currencies in the supply of commercial drawings. The market continues extremely sensitive, however, and will adjust itself to any changes in offerings or demand.

The reports of rain in the winter wheat belt were used to advantage by the price of grain, but in most instances fractional gains were the most that could be accomplished.

The trading in Missouri Pacific, in which the demands of the short interest were most urgent, resulted in a gain of 1-1/2 points from first prices, the largest gain recorded for any stock.

The industrials were the active feature of the day, gains of more than fractional proportions being recorded in every instance. Sugar was in good demand after week-end buying, and regained 1-1/4 cent from first prices.

Among the losers were American Tobacco, General Electric and Chicago Gas were all marked up on purchases credited almost exclusively to the room.

The action of the market throughout the day conformed exactly to the better opin-

The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York stock exchange. Correspondents Messrs. Moore & Schley, No. 50 Broadway.

	Oct. 1,	High,	Low,	Last
American Sugar, 100 lbs.	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
American Tobacco, 100	89	91 1/2	89	89 1/2
American Cotton Oil, 100	21 1/2	21 1/2	21	21
Atchafalaya, 100	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Canada Southern, 100	54	54	54	54 1/2
Canada Pacific, 100	54	54	54	54 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio, 100	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
C. M. & St. L., 100	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Chicago & North Western, 100	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Chicago & Northwestern, 100	105	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2
Chicago Gas, Cent'l Cfs.	67	68	67	67 1/2
C. M. & St. Paul, 100	74 1/2	75 1/2	74 1/2	75
C. M. & St. Paul, 100	74 1/2	75 1/2	74 1/2	75
Delaware & Hudson, 100	136 1/2	137 1/2	136 1/2	137 1/2
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General Electric.....	40	42	40	47
General Electric Feeding.....	40	42	40	47
Illinois Central.....	99	99	99	99
Lake Shore.....				
N. Erie.....	12	18	12	18
Pennsylvania.....	51	56	56	56
Long Island Traction.....				
Metropolitan Trust Co.....	105	104	105	104
Manhattan Elevated.....	106	106	105	105
Michigan Central.....	31	31	31	31
Missouri Pacific.....	30	31	30	31
National Lead Co.....	31	31	31	31
National Lead Co., Ltd.....				
N. Y. & N. Eng. Cts.....	109	109	109	109
New Jersey Central.....	109	109	109	109
New York Central.....	100	100	100	100
N. Y. & N. Eng. Cts.....	63	63	62	62

Northern Pacific	5	5	43	43
Northern Pacific, Pfd.	167	177	167	167
North American	17	17	17	17
Ont. & Western	17	17	17	17
Pacific	304	304	304	304
Pacific & Reading	14	14	14	14
Pullman Pal. Car. Co.	1707	1707	1707	1707
Rock Island Railway, Pfd.	26	27	26	26
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Texas Pac. Iron	9	9	9	9
U. S. Coal & Iron	263	271	263	271
Union Pacific	12	12	11	11
Utah	8	8	8	8
Wabash, Pfd.	20	20	20	20
Wheeling & L. Erie	123	123	123	123
Wheeling & L. Erie, Pfd.	424	441	42	44
Western Union Tel.	90	91	90	90

Washington Stock Exchange.
 Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—Washington
 as A Bonds, \$1,100 at 113½. Washington Loan
 and Trust, Flat 130.
 10-year fund of Columbia U. S. 4s, insured, 111½
 bid, 112 asked. U. S. 4s, coupon, 114½ bid, 115
 asked. U. S. 4s, 102½, 122 bid. U. S. 8s, 1904,
 115½ bid, 116 asked.
 30-year fund of Columbia Bonds.—20-year fund 5s, 104
 bid. 30-year fund 6s, 125 bid. Water stock
 5s, 1601, currency, 116 bid. Water stock 7s, 1603,
 currency, 117½ bid. Water stock 8s, 1605, currency, 112
 bid. 5s, insured, 2-106, 100 bid.
 Miscellaneous Bonds.—Washington and George-
 town Railroad conv. 6s, 1st, 160 bid. Washington

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Farmers' and Mechanics' 180, 164, 195 asked. Sec.
 130, 160, 140 asked. Citizens' 130, 60. C
 130, 160, 140 asked. Western 130, 160, 140
 Ind. 160, 140. Traders' 105, 160, 105 asked. La.
 90, 97, 105, 160 asked. Ohio, 82, 80, 85 asked.
 Safe Deposit and Trust Company 100, 100
 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100,
 and Trust, 119, 160, 122 asked. American Security
 and Trust, 138, 160. Washington Loan and Trust, 80

Railroad Stocks—Capital Traction Company, 80
 80, 85 asked. Metropolitan, 109, 160, 101½ asked.
 Columbia, 40, 60, 60. Pitt, 33 asked. Eckington, 30

Gas and Electric Light Stocks—Washington Gas
 43, 46, 46 asked. Georgetown Gas, 43, 46, 54
 asked. U. S. Electric Light, 134, 160, 134
 134, 134, 134, 134, 134, 134, 134, 134, 134,
 Franklin, 40, 45, 45 asked. Metropoliyan, 70, 160,

American, 59 bbl. Potomac, 88 bbl. Arlington, 100 bbl. 145 div.
 German-American, 160 bbl.
 National Union, 13 asked. Columbia, 125 bbl. 135 asked.
 Riggs, 75 bbl. 85 asked. People's, 55 asked.
 258 asked. Lincoln, 75 bbl. 8 asked. Com.
 Title Insurance Stock—Real Estate Title, 167 bbl. 116 asked. Columbia Title, 7 bbl. 8 asked.
 Washington Title, 8 asked. District Title, 7 asked.
 American, 35 bbl. Georgetown, 35 bbl. Chesapeake and Potomac, 50 bbl. American Graphophone, 35 bbl. 35 asked. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 145 div.

Miscellaneous Stocks, Washington Market, 14 bbl. Great Falls Inc. 125 bbl. 135 asked. Lincoln, 60 bbl. 65 bbl. 95 asked. Merchants' Line, 145 div.

GRAIN AND COTTON MARKETS.				
Cotton and grain markets, reported by W. & H. Biss, stock, grain and cotton broker, 1321 F st.				
	GRAIN.			
	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec.	28 1/2	29	28 1/2	29.00
May.	62	64 1/2	62	64 1/2
Corn—Dec.	21 1/2	22	21 1/2	22
May.	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2
Oats—Dec.	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
May.	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2
Pork—Jan.	9.40	9.45	9.40	9.45
Lard—Jan.	5.67	5.67	5.65	5.67
May.	5.81	5.87	5.83	5.87
Ribs—Jan.	4.57	4.60	4.57	4.60
May.	4.77	4.80	4.77	4.80
COTTON.				
	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.

Month.....	8.76	8.79	8.67	8.79
December.....	8.82	8.88	8.71	8.88
January.....	8.94	8.96	8.83	8.96
March.....				

Gone Back to Canada.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tucker and Sir Mackenzie Bowell have left the city for Canada, their work in an advisory capacity in the negotiations regarding the Bering sea commission having been completed for the present.